

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO.14-01-02**

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For Work Week Commencing: December 30, 2013
Commission Meeting: January 2, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Aleisha)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of December 16, 2013,

2. NorthWestern Energy N2013.12.87 (Mike)

On December 11, 2013, NorthWestern Energy filed to revise its Qualifying Facility QF-1 Tariff reflecting the reduction to the standard rate eligibility threshold in ARM 38.5.1902 from 10 MW to 3 MW in accordance with the Montana Administrative Register Notice 38-5-3218. The tariffs are effective for service on and after November 14, 2013. Probable Motion: Move to approve NorthWestern Energy's revised QF-1 tariff reflecting the reduction in the standard rate eligibility threshold from 10 MW to 3 MW.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2013.12.85 – NWE – Application for Approval to Purchase and Operate PPL Montana's Hydroelectric Facilities – Discuss and act on results of modeling consultant RFP. (01/02/14)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

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submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. NorthWestern Energy D2013.12.85 (Justin)

On December 20, 2013, NorthWestern Energy (NWE) filed a Motion for Protective Order requesting confidential treatment of certain non-public projections contained in AM Exhibit 1 and Exhibit_ (AO-2), further defined as NWE's non-public projections for company-wide earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization, net income, earnings per share, rate base, and credit, and financial metrics.

2. NorthWestern Energy D2013.12.85 (Justin)

On December 20, 2013, NorthWestern Energy (NWE) filed a Motion for Protective Order requesting confidential treatment of certain personal information contained in Exhibit_ (APP-2), further defined as personal information contained on Schedule 3.12(a) of the Purchase and Sale Agreement entered into on September 26, 2013 between NWE and PPLM. The Schedule contains the names of PPLM employees that work on the hydros, their job titles and location of their jobs.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

1. **Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (Qwest) Multi State and Individual Case Basis Agreements**

Any qualified person who signs a non-disclosure agreement pursuant to the term protective Order No. 6999 in Docket No. D2009.5.60 may review the following agreements at the Commission's offices, 1701 Prospect Ave. Helena, MT, 59620, or at Qwest's office, 441 North Park Avenue, Helena, Mt. 59601. If any interested party has reason to believe that Qwest's prices are below relevant costs in the agreements, the interested party may file an objection with the Commission within 30 days of the date of this notice (please see Qwest Alternative Form of Regulation (AFOR) Docket No. D2008.1.3, Order No. 6889n, Joint Stipulation).

1. Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink (Qwest) and Domino's Pizza, LLC have signed a Multi-State Agreement for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to Domino's Pizza, LLC.
2. Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink (Qwest) and Domino's Pizza, LLC have signed a Multi-State Agreement for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to Domino's Pizza, LLC.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2013.12.84 -NorthWestern Energy - 2013 Electricity Supply Resource Procurement Plan

D2013.12.88 - Black Hills Corporation - Application for Authority to Establish a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider D2013.12.89 - Big Sky Gas LLC - Petition for a Waiver of ARM 38.5.6002(1) and 38.5.6004(3)

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